clusively reserved for the Scheduled Tribes of Nagaland; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government have decided to withdraw the Bill introduced in Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes ,Sir.

(b) The Election Laws (Reservations of Seats for the Scheduled Tribes in certain North-Eastern States and Union Territories) Amendment Bill, 1986 was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 14th August, 1986. Since then the Governments of Meghalaya and Nagaland have requested for further consideration of some of the aspects of the Bill, these are under consideration and further processing of the Bill has been deferred or the time being.

Reservation of seats in Sikkim Assembly

2676. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Sikkim was consulted before the Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1951 by Act 8 of 1980 regarding representation of different linguistic communities of Sikkim was introduced; and

(b) if so, what were the views expressed by the State Government of Sikkim in this regard and whether Government of Sikkim had consented to do away with the parity system as contemplated in Article 371F (b) (i) of the Constitution of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Act No. 8 of 1980 was enacted by Parliament in pursuance of clause (f) of article 371F of the Constitution and due consideration had been given to the guidelines mentioned in that clause. The State Government of Sikkim had been consulted and they had agreed to the proposed amendments although the clause does not specifically require such consultation.

Appointment of SC/ST candidates selected for posts of office Superintendent in HMT

2677. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA :
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that candidate belonging to SC/ST selected for the post of office superintendent have not been given appointment so far in Hindustan Machine Tools; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not appointing them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the company, there is only one case where once SC employee of the Lamp Division of HMT who was considered for promotion to the post of Office Superintendent but could not be issued with promotion orders because of the general ban during 1986-87 on creation of posts, recruitments and promotions on account of unsatisfactory financial position of the unit.

Ban on creation of posts and promotions in Lamp Division of HMT

2678. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA :
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Mechines Tools has banned creation of